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CLAIMS

- 1. A method for producing an end-product comprising the steps of:
- a) contacting a carbon substrate and at least one substrate-converting enzyme to produce an intermediate; and
- b) contacting said intermediate with at least one intermediate-converting enzyme, wherein said intermediate is substantially all converted by said intermediate enzyme to said end-product.
- The method of Claim 1, wherein said intermediate-converting enzyme is a microbial enzyme.
- 3. The method of Claim 2, wherein said intermediate-converting microbial enzyme is secreted by a microorganism in contact with said intermediate.
- 4. The method of Claim 1, wherein said substrate-converting enzyme is a microbial enzyme.
- 5. The method of Claim 4, wherein said substrate-converting microbial enzyme is secreted by a microorganism in contact with said substrate.
- The method of Claim 1, wherein said intermediate-converting enzyme and said substrate-converting enzyme are produced by microorganisms of the same species.
- 7. The method of Claim 1, wherein said intermediate-converting enzyme and said substrate-converting enzyme are produced by microorganisms of the different species.
- 8. The method of Claim 1, wherein concentration level of said intermediate is maintained at a level below that which triggers catabolite repression effects upon the conversion of said intermediate to said end-product.
- 9. The method of Claim 1, wherein concentration level of said intermediate is maintained at a level below that which triggers enzymatic inhibition effects upon the conversion of said intermediate to said end-product.

- 10. The method of Claim 1, wherein said intermediate is converted to said endproduct at a rate sufficient to maintain the concentration of said at less than 0.25%.
- 11. The method of Claim 1, wherein said substrate is selected from the group consisting of biomass and starch.
- 12. The method of Claim 1, wherein said intermediate is selected from the group consisting of hexoses and pentoses.
 - 13. The method of Claim 12, wherein said hexose is glucose.
- 14. The method of Claim 1, wherein said end-product is selected from the group consisting of 1,3-propanediol, gluconic acid, glycerol, succinic acid, lactic acid, 2,5-diketo-D-gluconic acid, gluconate, glucose, alcohol, and ascorbic acid intermediates.
- 15. The method of Claim 1, wherein said contacting said substrate and substrate-converting enzyme further comprises bioconverting said substrate to produce said intermediate.
 - 16. A method for producing an end-product comprising the steps of:
 - a) contacting a carbon substrate and at least one substrate-converting enzyme to produce an intermediate; and
 - b) contacting said intermediate with at least one intermediate-converting enzyme, wherein said intermediate is substantially all converted by said intermediate enzyme to said end-product, and wherein the presence of said end-product does not inhibit the further production of said end-product.
- 17. The method of Claim 16, wherein said intermediate-converting enzyme is a microbial enzyme.
- 18. The method of Claim 16, wherein said intermediate-converting microbial enzyme is secreted by a microorganism in contact with said intermediate.
- 19. The method of Claim 16, wherein said substrate-converting enzyme is a microbial enzyme.

- 20. The method of Claim 16, wherein said substrate-converting microbial enzyme is secreted by a microorganism in contact with said substrate.
- 21. The method of Claim 16, wherein said intermediate-converting enzyme and said substrate-converting enzyme are produced by microorganisms of the same species.
- 22. The method of Claim 16, wherein said intermediate-converting enzyme and said substrate-converting enzyme are produced by microorganisms of the different species.
 - 23. A method for producing an end-product comprising the steps of:
 - a) contacting a carbon substrate and at least one substrate-converting enzyme to produce an intermediate; and
 - b) contacting said intermediate with at least one intermediate-converting enzyme, wherein said intermediate is substantially all converted by said intermediate enzyme to said end-product, and wherein the presence of said substrate does not inhibit the further production of said end-product.
- 24. The method of Claim 23, wherein said intermediate-converting enzyme is a microbial enzyme.
- 25. The method of Claim 23, wherein said intermediate-converting microbial enzyme is secreted by a microorganism in contact with said intermediate.
- 26. The method of Claim 23, wherein said substrate-converting enzyme is a microbial enzyme.
- 27. The method of Claim 23, wherein said substrate-converting microbial enzyme is produced is secreted by a microorganism in contact with said substrate.
- 28. The method of Claim 23, wherein said intermediate-converting enzyme and said substrate-converting enzyme are produced by microorganisms of the same species.
- 29. The method of Claim 23, wherein said intermediate-converting enzyme and said substrate-converting enzyme are produced by microorganisms of the different species.